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In re Application of: Berka *et al.*

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For: Methods For Producing Polypeptides In Cyclohexadepsipeptide-Deficient Cells

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 27, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 98-123 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 124-149 as follows:

124. A method for producing a secreted heterologous polypeptide, comprising:

(a) cultivating a mutant cell of a parent *Fusarium venenatum* cell under conditions conducive for the production of the secreted heterologous polypeptide, wherein (i) the mutant cell comprises a first nucleic acid sequence encoding the secreted heterologous polypeptide, and (ii) the mutant cell comprises a second nucleic acid sequence which comprises a modification of a cyclohexadepsipeptide synthetase gene, wherein the mutant cell produces less cyclohexadepsipeptide than the parent *Fusarium venenatum* cell when cultured under the same conditions; and

(b) isolating the secreted heterologous polypeptide from the cultivation medium.

125. The method of claim 124, wherein the *Fusarium venenatum* cell is *Fusarium venenatum* ATCC 20334.